

## YOUTSEY ON STAND

Says Leading Republicans  
Plotted Goebel Murder.

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State's Witness Declares He Had  
Conversations with Powers, Gov.  
Taylor, Senator Deboe, and Others  
About the Killing, and That He  
Helped to Extract Cartridge Shell.

Georgetown, Va., Dec. 10.—If the story of Henry E. Youtsey, told to the witness stand in the trial of Calhoun Powers here to-day is true, not only Powers, his brother, John L. Powers, Gov. W. S. Taylor, W. H. Cullton, and James Howard, all of whom have been indicted, knew that William Goebel was to be assassinated on the day he was shot while entering the capitol grounds at Frankfort, but practically every prominent Republican in the State about the executive building for several days prior to the shooting knew that it was to be done.

"I talked with United States Senator W. E. Deboe," said the witness, while detailing his startling confession to the Commonwealth to-day, "and told him that Dr. Johnson wanted to kill Goebel from the office of the secretary of State, and that I was going to see Gov. Taylor about it. Senator Deboe said for me not to permit it, that Emmett Orr and other Democrats were going to vote with the Republicans to seat Taylor as governor. I told Gov. Taylor what Deboe had said."

Youtsey said he first "got" Dr. W. R. Johnson, of Johnson County, who, after having in wait one morning, went home, and then he "got" a negro named Mason Hockersmith.

## Says He Got Rifles Ready.

"W. G. Davidson, the assistant secretary of State," said Youtsey, "could have the office, and I had the Marlin rifle and the Winchester rifle brought in, and was ready. Hockersmith said he would not do it until he talked personally with Gov. Taylor. I told Gov. Taylor, and he said he could not trust the negro, that he might be a spy. After he refused, Gov. Taylor directed me a letter, which I sent to 'Jim' Howard, at Manchester, asking him to come to my office in the executive building. I mailed the letter and told John L. Powers that we were going to kill Goebel from the window of the office. I later saw Caleb Powers and told him we wanted the key, and he said he did not have the key, but would fix the door so we could get in, and he did. He then held up his hand and I held up mine, and he swore me that I would not tell a living soul of what we had done."

## Pointed Out Goebel.

"Jim" Howard knocked at my door on the morning of the 20th and when I opened it he handed me the letter which I had written him. I took him into the room, showed him the two guns and he chose the Marlin. I arranged everything, and after pointing out Goebel left the room. When the shots were fired we rushed to the door of the secretary of State's office and tried to get in. 'Ben' Rowe finally got in over the transom and opened the door. Gov. Taylor had been pounding on the door trying to get in. The room was empty, but the two rifles lay on the floor. Rowe picked up the Marlin and we took it to the closet, extracting the cartridge shell, which I threw in the grate. Gov. Taylor's private office. Everybody was armed and prepared for an attack, fearing that a mob would charge on the building."

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## FORTUNE FROM LOST FATHER.

Asheville Mill Girl Gets Wealth at  
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Asheville, N. C., Dec. 10.—A fortune from her father, whom she had never seen, has fallen to Miss Tompkins, of this city. She is seventeen years old and has supported herself here, living in the millling section of town.

Her father and mother separated when she was an infant, and she was taken by her mother, who never spoke of the father. Miss Tompkins recently received a message from Fairfield, Ind., signed by her father. He was dying and wished her to come. She went, and he left her all his wealth, said to be a large sum.

## GAS COMPANIES GET SETBACK.

Commissioners Will Ask Congress to  
Prevent Increase of Stock.

After a conference yesterday morning the Commissioners announced that, notwithstanding the arguments presented by counsel for the Washington and Georgetown Gaslight companies before the Commissioners, it had been decided to adhere to the original decision to request Congress to suspend the law under which these corporations are endeavoring to increase their capital stock.

In commenting upon the conclusion reached by the Commissioners, Commissioner Macfarland said that it was believed by the Commissioners that it was better to bring this matter to the attention of Congress in this way, so that it may know what is going on and have an opportunity to act before the possible increase of the capital stock of either gaslight company is made, which might prevent the desired reduction in the price of gas.

## ALLIES IN CHEAPER GAS WAR

Petworth Citizens Discuss Question  
at Well-attended Meeting.Opinion Announced That a Fair  
Majority in Congress Will Aid the  
People of Washington.

Many members of the Petworth Citizens' Association were present last night at a meeting held at the residence of Mr. D. J. Partello, 414 Eighth street northwest.

Although the greater part of the evening was spent in discussion of the gas question, nothing definite in regard to the subject was done. The feeling prevails among the members of the association that, although they are fighting against powerful influences, the people of Washington may win their fight for cheaper gas if they work in unison.

The opinion was expressed that there was a fair majority in Congress to be counted as allies in the fight, if the citizens' associations of Washington, individually and collectively would come to the aid of the Commissioners at the proper time.

The secretary of the association was directed to communicate with the District Commissioners, requesting that the structure next to the school building in Shepherd street be put in condition for occupancy as soon as possible, because of the need of more room for school children.

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## HEARS MANY RESOLUTIONS

Discusses Redemption of Bonds  
Amounting to \$748,000—Takes Up  
Gas Question—1,600 Voters Regis-  
tered—Circuit Court Hears Suit  
Against Southern Railway.WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU,  
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129 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 10.—City Council held its semi-monthly meeting to-night in the office of City Auditor E. F. Price, owing to the fact that the improvements in the council chamber have not yet been completed. The session was one of the shortest held recently, and council adjourned until the second Tuesday in January.

Councilman Snowden offered a resolution that the finance committee be authorized to consider the best method of arranging for and refunding the outstanding bonds, of the issue of 1879, amounting to \$748,000, and to report to council early in January, in order that the delegate in the general assembly from this city, and the next State senator from this district, may report bills in the next session of the legislature to authorize a refunding of the same. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

The report of J. B. Walker, clerk of the city gas works, for the gas finances, for the six months ending November 30, 1907, was read and accepted. According to the report, the amount of gas sold during that period was \$15,718.89, and the amount collected was \$15,658.31, leaving the amount unpaid to November 30, 1907, \$60.58. The amount of other bills due and unpaid was given at \$27.21.

An ordinance was passed, with an amendment, for the sale of a certain strip of land owned by the city, situated near the old canal, the Old Dominion Glass Company for the sum of \$600. In the amendment it is provided that upon payment to the city auditor the company will give title to the property upon which it is now located, together with other property.

A resolution was introduced and passed by Councilman Williams that the city council endorse the Caton rolling stock bill, and that the president of each board of council name one member from his respective board to co-operate with the chamber of commerce in having the bill enforced. President Snowden named Mr. Williams on the committee. Mr. Williams explained the purpose of the bill, which, he said, was more equitable for the city.

The city at present, he said, was receiving \$2,283.18 from the railroads, and under the proposed bill it would receive \$2,500 additional. Mr. Birrell stated that he was of the opinion that if council would force the matter it would eventually become a law.

A communication was received from the board of fire wardens asking that the sum of \$1500 be appropriated for the purchase of a modern fire alarm system. The resolution was referred to the finance committee.

Councilman Strauss offered a resolution having for its object the repairing of the market house steeple, and it was referred to the public property committee. Councilman Birrell stated that he and Mayor Paff would like to appear before the finance committee to point out the necessity for a police patrol for the city. Mr. Birrell was informed that his request would be granted.

E. J. Evans was granted permission to reschedule a shed in the rear of his home, 232 South St. Asaph street.

When the office of City Treasurer Thomas W. Robinson closed at 10 o'clock last night approximately 1,600 voters had paid their annual tax, \$1.50. Considerable activity was displayed by citizens yesterday, in order that they may participate in the election which will be held the second Tuesday in next June, at which time a mayor and three councilmen from each ward will be chosen.

The Circuit Court for this city, Judge Thomas W. Harrison, of Winchester, Va., presiding, was engaged to-day in hearing the suit of J. Louis Loose against the Southern Railway Company, a suit in which the plaintiff seeks to recover damages in the sum of \$25,000 for injuries alleged to have been sustained to his plants and hothouses from smoke and cinders from the defendant company's engines, machine shops, and round-houses. Attorneys F. L. Smith and R. D. Bramback represented the railway company, while the plaintiff is being represented by Attorneys Norton and Booth.

In the Corporation Court to-day the will of William H. Lambert, dated October 27, 1907, was admitted to probate, and his son-in-law, Robert D. Marshall, qualified as executor. The estate is valued at \$25,000. The testator directs that no inventory or appraisal of the estate be made. He leaves the Alexandria Hospital \$1,000, and the sum of \$500 is donated to the Masonic Home, Richmond, after which the other bequests are as follows:

Mrs. Florence May Bell, his daughter, of Atlanta, Ga., \$1,000; Arthur Wilson Lambert, his son, \$1,000; together with his Masonic jewels and testimonials, and also all of his books, pictures, and everything belonging to the Corporation Court, St. Louis, consisting mainly of an interest in the Lambert Chemical Company, and Helen Louise Marshall, his daughter, the residue of the estate.

The Lyceum Dramatic Club to-night presented "The Old Dairy Homestead," a three-act rural comedy-drama, at the Young Men's Social Lyceum Hall. The cast of characters was as follows: Jason Wilkins, a farmer, M. E. Green; J. H. Arrowood, town constable, C. A. Robinson; Mike Donatrin, a detective, William Tomney; Willie Work, born tired, H. I. Whately; Malcolm Gary, a scoundrel, M. J. McFarland; Jack, a farm hand, R. C. Green; Mrs. Glumer, an adventuress, Miss M. Green; Beck Wilkins, an old maid, Miss K. King; Maude, Mrs. Wilkins' niece, Miss L. Lynch; and Ruby, a little maid, Miss M. Murphy.

The performance was under the direction of Mr. M. E. Green, and during the evening solos were rendered by Harry Maxwell and William E. Thornton, both of Washington. Music was furnished by the Alexandria Mandolin Club, with Henry J. Kremer as musical director.

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